

INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 7-30-91

FULL NAME Samuel Lee Cooper S.S. NO. _____
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS _____

CITY Detroit STATE Michigan ZIP CODE 48239

DATE OF BIRTH 11-06-18 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Baptist NATIONALITY (Citizen of) _____

OCCUPATION Retired Inspector, Ford Motor Co.

EDUCATION _____

WEIGHT 180 HEIGHT 5'10" RACE Afro-American

COLOR OF HAIR White COLOR OF EYES _____

DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS _____

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS _____

MARRIED ☐ SINGLE ☒ NAME OF SPOUSE _____

CHILDREN _____
(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
S-0668	Detroit	Michigan	Scoutmaster	2-28-90	2-15-91
Chartered Organization			Christian Faith Baptist Church		

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS Silver Beaver

SEP 3 Check off list of attached documentation

1. Description of incident
2. Victim(s) statement
3. media reports
4. Legal proceedings
5. Offender's statement
6. Official notification of termination
7. Found guilty/innocent by court

Council Detroit Area, #262

Signed

Thomas L. Harris

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

CONFIDENTIAL

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CONF026844

September 9, 1991

Mr. Robert M. Shoemaker
Scout Executive
Detroit Area Council, No. 262

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: SAMUEL LEE COOPER

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: East Central Region,

READY FOR FILE

SEP 06 1991

ERIN O'RILEY

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Mr. Cooper pleaded guilty to one
count - Criminal Sexual Conduct -
on July 21, 1991 and is awaiting
sentence.

7-30-91:sml

February 15, 1991



Detroit
Area
Council
Boy
Scouts

America

Detroit, MI 48208



Mr. Samuel Cooper

Detroit, Michigan 48239

Dear Mr. Cooper:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be denied. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse registration whenever there is concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a BSA regional review committee, please write to the regional director within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be granted. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely,

ROBERT M. SHOEMAKER
Scout Executive

RMS:sml
Attachment

cc: [redacted] Christian Faith Baptist Church,
Detroit, Michigan 48223

Carolyn Turner, Troop 668 Committee Chairperson,
[redacted] Michigan 48227

bcc: John Perry
Paul Bannon
Tom Fitzgibbon
East Central Region, BSA
National Office, BSA

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The following information is provided should you desire a review by the East Central Region, Boy Scouts of America, of the decision to deny your registration.

1. Within 60 days, you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to: East Central Region, Boy Scouts of America, 230 West Diehl Road, P. O. Box 3085, Naperville, Illinois 60566-7085. In your request you must include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that registration should not have been denied.
2. Upon the receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.
3. If the regional review committee determines that a review hearing is necessary, the committee will advise you whether or not you may attend. In some instances, no useful purpose would be served by having the applicant present. The hearing is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you, if you attend, will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, in the event you attend, you may be accompanied by no more than two other individuals if their testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. The committee will review the facts as presented, and may interview any persons whose testimony might assist them in arriving at a correct decision.
5. You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.
6. If you are dissatisfied with the decision of a regional review, you may request a further review by the National Council. The decision of the National Council will be final.

June 13, 1991

Mr. Robert M. Shoemaker
Scout Executive
Detroit Area Council, No. 262

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: SAMUEL LEE COOPER

Dear Bob:

Enclosed in another Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet which we would like to have completed. This will enable us to identify Mr. Cooper should he attempt registration in some other location.

We would also like to have the outcome of the legal action, once it has been completed. This will then give us all the information we need to make certain he cannot register in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: Peter M. Barbernitz, East Central Region

READY FOR FILE
JUN 14 1991
ERIN O'RILEY

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READY FOR FILE

APR 08 1991

BARBARA GOSEY

April 5, 1991

Mr. Robert M. Shoemaker
Scout Executive
Detroit Area Council, No. 262

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: SAMUEL LEE COOPER

Dear Bob:

As you know I periodically follow-up on all of my open files. As of this date, we have received nothing from you related to this individual.

We really need an Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet, so that we can identify Mr. Cooper. I would appreciate it if you would complete the enclosed form.

Let us know if we may help you in any way.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: Peter Barbernitz, East Central Region

CONF026850

March 1, 1991

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MAR 01 1991
BARBARA GOSEY

Mr. Robert M. Shoemaker
Scout Executive
Detroit Area Council, No. 262

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: SAMUEL LEE COOPER

Dear Bob:

I recently received a newspaper clipping from the Detroit News dated February 21, 1991. This indicated that Mr. Cooper had been charged with 15 counts of rape.

I know you are working on this situation, but wanted to remind you that we will need an Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet in order to substantiate our refusal of registration in the future. We would also like the outcome of the legal action once it is completed.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: Peter Barbernitz, East Central Region

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February 22, 1991

VIA FAX AND MAIL

Mr. Mark Dama
Boy Scouts of America
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

SAMUEL LEE COOPER

Dear Mark:

While reading the February 21, 1991 issue of the Detroit News, I ran across an article relating to criminal charges which are being asserted against a 72 year-old Detroit Scoutmaster for the rape of some 15 year-old boys. I am enclosing a copy of that February 21, 1991 article and am having it faxed as well as mailed to you.

It would be my perception that you will want to be following this matter and have someone commence an investigation into it. I am passing this information along to you as a result of Harold Feiszel's request, when I was working for him, that if I did run across articles relating to potential liability to the Boy Scouts, I should forward those on. As a result, I am forwarding this article on to you. If you have any questions, please let me know. Good luck in your investigation.

Very truly yours,

HOWARD & HOWARD

James E. Lozier

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RISK MANAGEMENT

FEB 25 1991

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The second situation has just come to light in the newspapers. Charges have been brought against a long tenured Scoutmaster alleging criminal sexual conduct and serving alcohol to minors. The Scoutmaster in question has been Scoutmaster for Troop 668 since 1972. This troop is chartered by the Christian Faith Baptist Church in Detroit. This situation was brought to my personal attention when a mother and her son came to see me on Tuesday afternoon, February 12. The boy told me about two occasions with the accused on January 28 and February 6 of this year. The mother said that the information they were sharing with me had been given to the Detroit Police Department the prior day.

I had scheduled an appointment with the accused on Friday morning, February 15, for the purpose of informing him that he was being denied registration with the Boy Scouts of America. That appointment was canceled at the request of the Detroit Police Department with whom we have been cooperating in their investigation. The youth who came to me was a Scout in 1988 but has not been registered since February 1989. As part of our cooperation with the Detroit Police Department, we provided them with past rosters of the membership of that particular Scout troop. Their investigation to date has resulted in the identification of a second youth who is a current member of the Scout troop. It is our understanding that the police have questioned all youth on the current roster and none of the other 26 youth have indicated any sexual involvement with the Scoutmaster. It is also our understanding that all of the charges resulted from events which took place at the Scoutmaster's home and not at any Scouting meeting or activity.

Enclosed are copies of the newspaper articles that have appeared to date on this situation. As of this date, we have not been contacted by any media other than the Detroit News. The accused has been involved in Scouting in this council since the mid-1950's. He has been a Scoutmaster since 1959 and has served as a National Jamboree leader on several occasions and as a Philmont Troop leader. He was presented the Silver Beaver in 1970. The council has now denied the accused the right to register with the Boy Scouts of America and his registration fee has been refunded. The National Council has also been advised. We are now working closely with the pastor and with the troop committee from Troop 668 in helping them with the process for the selection of a new leader and the scheduling of a parent's meeting for the parents and Scouts currently involved in the troop.

The Scout Executive serves as the official council spokesman for both of these situations. As a side note, you should know that these are the first two accusations of this type since my arrival here in December 1987. During that time we have had at least 30,000 different adults actively registered in Scouting leadership roles in the council.

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Rape charges against Scout chief stun minister

By Bonnie Desimone
THE DETROIT NEWS

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One of the victims is a member of Troop S-6008, which is chartered to Mr. Shell's church. The other victim is a former member of the troop. Mr. Shell said he is in the process

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DIANE WEISS/The Detroit News

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Bob Shoemaker, scout executive

for the Detroit Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, said the organization officially removed Cooper from its registration rolls this week. A search already has begun for a new leader for the troop, he said.

Cooper has been involved in local scouting activities since 1954, Shoemaker said. He has been scoutmaster of Troop S-6008 for at least six years.

Wednesday, Feb. 20 Detroit News

Two boys, 15, say scoutmaster, 72, raped them

By Bonnie DeSimone
THE DETROIT NEWS

Two 15-year-old Detroit boys have told authorities that their 72-year-old scoutmaster sexually assaulted them during separate overnight stays at his house.

Samuel Lee Cooper was charged with three counts of rape in a case involving one of the teen-agers. He was arraigned Monday.

Detroit 36th District Magistrate Richard Halloran entered innocent pleas for Cooper and set a preliminary examination for Feb. 27.

Cooper was released after posting 10 percent of a \$50,000 bond. However, authorities said he could be ar-

raigned today on a second rape case involving the other youth.

Tuesday, 36th District Court Magistrate Charles P. Hammons authorized a warrant charging Cooper with 12 counts of rape and three counts of providing alcohol to a minor.

Cooper could be sentenced to life in prison if he is convicted on any of the first-degree criminal sexual conduct charges.

According to court documents, the first youth said Cooper invited him to spend the night at his home on Cloverlawn last Jan. 28.

The teen-ager told police Cooper served him five mixed drinks, then told him to sleep in the older man's bed. When the youth awoke, he said, Cooper was raping him.

A week later, Cooper called the boy at home and again asked him to spend the night. The youth said Cooper assured him he wouldn't approach him sexually, but later in the evening, when they were watching television, Cooper again molested the boy. The teen-ager said he resisted, and Cooper eventually left him alone.

The second youth told police that Cooper sexually assaulted him at least six times between January and April 1990.

Cooper served him mixed drinks and asked him to watch television in his bedroom, the 15-year-old said. The youth also said Cooper repeatedly told him not to tell anyone.

Law enforcement sources said Cooper has been involved in scouting programs for 40 years.

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Scoutmaster arraigned on 12 rape charges

DETROIT — A 72-year-old scoutmaster accused of repeatedly raping two 15-year-old boys was arraigned Wednesday on 12 rape charges involving one boy.

Samuel Lee Cooper of Detroit is accused of having both boys spend nights at his house, giving them alcohol and raping them. Court records describe one boy as a member of Cooper's troop.

On Monday, Cooper was arraigned on rape charges involving the other boy.

DETROIT FREE PRESS
THURSDAY, FEB. 21, 1991

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